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AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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INFO: AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
AMCONGEN SAO PAULO

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RIO DE JANEIRO 5066

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CITIZEN ARRESTED FOR TERRORIST

ACTIVITIES: NANCY MANGABEIRA UNGER

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RECIFE 732

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2. FROM DESCRIPTION AND DOB, EMBASSY CERTAIN THAT GIRL ARRESTED IS AMERICAN CITIZEN. OUR CONSULATE FILES CONTAIN PASSPORT CARD SHOWING NANCY MANGABEIRA UNGER, DOB AUG 27, 1948, POB RIO DE JANEIRO, TO BE US CITIZEN THROUGH FATHER, ARTHUR JOHN UNGER, DOB SEPT 9, 1909, NATURALIZED US CIT. FATHER NOW DECEASED. (FROM BIRTH IN BRAZIL TO BRAZILIAN MOTHER, EMBASSY ASSUMES SUBJECT ALSO COULD BE CLAIMED AS BRAZILIAN CITIZEN BY GOB).

3. EMBASSY HAD BEEN SEEKING INFORMATION WHEREABOUTS SUBJECT UNDER FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

(A) SUBJECT'S MOTHER, EDYLA MANGABEIRA UNGER, APPROACHED EMBASSY IN EARLY JUNE. MRS. UNGER IS DAUGHTER OF OCTAVIO MANGABEIRA, BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER WASHINGTON LUIS. MANGABEIRA ALSO WAS

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GOVERNOR AND REVERRED POLITICAL FIGURE IN STATE OF
BAHIA WHO LIVED MUCH HIS LATER LIFE IN US AS POLITICAL
EXILE FROM VARGAS.

(B) MRS. UNGER SOUGHT EMBASSY ASSISTANCE SINCE SHE
HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS INFORMATION THAT DAUGHTER NANCY
WAS BEING HELD BY SECURITY POLICE AND BEING SUBJECTED
TORTURE. SINCE MRS. UNGER: (1) KNEW HER DAUGHTER
WAS INVOLVED IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES, AND (2)
HAD THE COLLABORATIVE EVIDENCE OF FREQUENT POLICE
SEARCHES OF HOME, SHE FEARED THE WORST AND ASKED WHAT
US GOVT COULD DO TO ASCERTAIN TRUTH OF INFORMATION AND
PROTECT DAUGHTER FROM VIOLENCE AT HANDS SECURITY FORCES.
POLOFF PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE.

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5. INFORMATION CONTAINED RECIFE 732 INDICATES MOTHER
SOMEHOW OBTAINED NEWS DAUGHTER'S CAPTURE. FACT THAT
SHE APPROACHED CONSULATE SEEKING ASSISTANCE INDICATES
CONGEN CAN MAKE REPRESENTATION HER BEHALF

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6. IT EVIDENT FROM INGREDIENTS CASE THAT THIS COULD
BE POLITICAL TINDERBOX. FIRST, AS MOTHER ADMITS,
DAUGHTER APPARENTLY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SUBVERSION
AND PLAN TO KIDNAP DIPLOMAT. GIVEN GOB SENSITIVITY
AND CONCERN RE TERRORISM, ANY APPARENT PRESSURES FROM

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ACTION:

USG CONNECTION UNGER CASE WOULD BE DEEPLY RESENTED.
SECOND, MRS. UNGER HAS EXTENSIVE CONNECTIONS IN US,
EUROPEAN AND BRAZILIAN CIRCLES ON BASIS HER FATHER'S
YEARS OF EXILE AND REPUTATION AS OPPONENT OPPRESSIVE
DICTATORSHIP. SHE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE WILLING USE
THIS LEVERAGE IF IT MIGHT HELP DAUGHTER. THIRD,
THERE IS PRECEDENT CASE OF SWISS DUAL NATIONAL IN WHICH
GOS MISHANDLING ALMOST LED TO NASTY BILATERAL CONFRONT-
IMPRISONED
ATION. FOURTH, /DAUGHTER IS ACCUSED OF CRIME FOR WHICH
DEATH PENALTY RECENTLY DECREED.

7. FOR RECIFE: EMBASSY SUGGESTS CONGEN CONSULAR
OFFICER MAKE ROUTINE LOW KEY REPRESENTATION TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF US CITIZEN WHOSE MOTHER REQUESTED
ASSISTANCE. (OBVIOUSLY AT THIS STAGE NO RPT NO MENTION
SHOULD BE MADE OF MOTHER'S FEARS OF POSSIBLE MISTREAT-
MENT).

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8. PLEASE REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR
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